

GLOBAL HEALTH

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine new directions in global health, after receiving testimony from former President William Jefferson Clinton, William J. Clinton Foundation, New York, New York; and William H. Gates, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Seattle, Washington.

PUBLIC DIPLOMACY

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Organizations, Human Rights, Democracy and Global Women's Issues concluded a hearing to examine the future of U.S. public diplomacy, after receiving testimony from Evelyn S. Lieberman, Director of Communications, Smithsonian Institution, Karen Hughes, and James K. Glassman, all former Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, and Judith McHale, Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy, all of the Department of State.

CHRISTMAS DAY ATTACK

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the lessons and implications of the Christmas day attack, focusing on watchlisting and pre-screening, after receiving testimony from Russell Travers, Deputy Director for Information Sharing and Knowledge Development, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Timothy J. Healy, Director, Terrorist Screening Center, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Gale D. Rossides, Acting Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, and David V. Aguilar, Acting Deputy Commissioner, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, both of the Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomina-

tions of Patrick K. Nakamura, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Review Commission, Gwendolyn E. Boyd, of Maryland, and Peggy Goldwater-Clay, of California, both to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation, and Sharon L. Browne, of California, Charles Norman Wiltse Keckler, of Virginia, and Victor B. Maddox, of Kentucky, all to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Legal Services Corporation, and Gary Blumenthal, of Massachusetts, Chester Alonzo Finn, of New York, Sara A. Gelsner, of Oregon, Ari Ne'eman, of Maryland, Dongwoo Joseph Pak, of California, Carol Jean Reynolds, of Colorado, Fernando Torres-Gill, of California, and Jonathan M. Young, of Maryland, all to be a Member of the National Council on Disability.

CORPORATE SPENDING IN AMERICAN ELECTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine corporate spending in American elections after *Citizens United*, after receiving testimony from Jeffrey Rosen, George Washington University Law School, and Douglas T. Kendall, Constitutional Accountability Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Bradley A. Smith, Center for Competitive Politics, Alexandria, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Gary Scott Feinerman, and Sharon Johnson Coleman, both to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois, who were both introduced by Senator Durbin, and William Joseph Martinez, to be United States District Judge for the District of Colorado, who was introduced by Senators Bennet and Udall (CO), after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 4800–4819; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 1155–1161, were introduced. **Pages H1322–23**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1324**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Slaughter to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1223**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Providing authority to compensate Federal employees for the 2-day period in which authority to make expenditures from the Highway Trust Fund